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Biography

MERLIN HULL was born in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Ind., December 18, 1870; attended Gale College, Galesville, Wis., De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and Columbian (now George Washington) University, Washington, D. C.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice in Black River Falls, Wis.; publisher of the Jackson County Journal 1904–26 and of the Banner-Journal 1926–53; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; district attorney of Jackson County 1907–9; member of the Wisconsin Assembly 1909–15, serving as speaker in 1913; secretary of state of Wisconsin 1917–21; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929–March 3, 1931); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1930 and unsuccessful Independent candidate for reelection to the Seventy-second Congress; resumed former business pursuits; elected as a Progressive to the Seventy-fourth and to the five succeeding Congresses, and as a Republican to the Eightieth, and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1935, until his death in La Crosse, Wis., May 17, 1953; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, La Crosse, Wis.

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MONDAY, *May 18, 1953.*

The Chaplain, Rev. BERNARD BRASKAMP, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, who hast entrusted us with the high vocation of leadership in the business of statecraft, Thou alone art the source of the wisdom and strength which we need so urgently and supremely.

Give us the tranquillity of an unconquerable hope and the quietness of a patience that knows how to endure and never loses faith in the ultimate triumph of righteousness and justice.

Show us how we may bring courage and cheer to all who are staggering under the heavy burdens of fear and foreboding.

We thank Thee for the character and life of our colleague whose spirit has entered into the eternal blessedness of Thy nearer presence. Grant unto the members of his family the assurance that Thy grace is sufficient for all their needs.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Smith].

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad responsibility to announce to the Members of the House the passing of our friend and colleague MERLIN HULL. Several weeks ago he submitted to surgery from which he never recovered. MERLIN HULL was born in Warsaw, Ind. At an early age his parents moved to Wisconsin. As a boy he worked as a farm hand. He also taught country school for a time. He learned the printing trade in the office of the Wisconsin Independent in his home town of Black River Falls.

Later he attended the old Columbian University in this city as a law student and in 1894 he was admitted to the Wisconsin bar. In 1904 he purchased the Jackson County Journal and later he combined it with the Badger State Banner under the name of Banner-Journal. At the time of his death he was the owner and publisher of this paper. Here we have the typical success story—farm hand, country schoolteacher, printer, lawyer, publisher, public servant, and statesman.

Our colleague represented the Ninth Congressional District of Wisconsin. He was elected to the 71st Congress in 1928 and elected again in the 74th and succeeding Congresses since that time. He was the dean of the Wisconsin delegation in this body.

Mr. Speaker, MERLIN HULL had a record of distinguished public service. As a young man he served his county as clerk of the district court and as district attorney. Later he was elected to the Assembly in the State Legislature of Wisconsin, where he served one term as speaker. In 1917 he was elected secretary of state which office he held for two terms.

For many years he was a leader in the Progressive movement in the Middle West and at one time was nominated by the Wisconsin Progressive Members in Congress to be the Speaker of the House. When the Progressive Party in Wisconsin ceased to be a political force, Mr. HULL cast his lot with the Republican Party and he was elected on that ticket in 1946. So strong was he in his district that no Democratic opponent has ever opposed him since being elected as a Republican.

MERLIN HULL was a conscientious Member of this House. His first interest was to serve the people of his district, which is chiefly agriculture. The farmers of Wisconsin and the Nation never had a better friend and advocate of their cause than MERLIN HULL. His fight against the "butter trust," as he called it, will never be forgotten. He was seldom absent from the floor when the House was in session.

MERLIN HULL was not a "party man" as we understand that term. He was truly independent in thought and action; he was a man of deep conviction and in private conversation he was concerned about this country becoming involved in "foreign wars." The man who served his country in war was always his friend.

MERLIN HULL was a friendly gentleman of the old school. He could disagree violently with others but in doing so respected the views of others.

Wisconsin and the Nation has lost a devoted public servant. His family has lost a loving father and statesman and the House of Representatives a distinguished Member. My sincere sympathy goes out to the members of his family.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise,
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess,
The beauty of Thy peace.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin, my colleague [Mr. O'Konski].

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the 10th Congressional District, the friends and neighbors of MERLIN HULL, I wish to express the greatest sympathy to the members of his family. MERLIN HULL was an unusual man. Most of us who are elected to the Halls of Congress, either in this body or the other, are usually elected on the basis of party affiliation. MERLIN HULL was never elected on that basis. MERLIN HULL had such great respect and admiration of the people of his district that he could have run on any ticket and always be elected. He was never elected as a Republican or a Democrat or a Progressive. He was elected with increasing majorities, with outstanding majorities each time he ran because he was MERLIN HULL. The majority of

the people of his district remember him as a figure who was entirely independent in thought, one who always had the utmost welfare of the people of his district, State, and the Nation at heart. It is seldom that we have in the Halls of Congress a man of such independent thought and action as was MERLIN HULL. It is also seldom that a man is sent to the Halls of Congress on a personal basis as was MERLIN HULL. The way the people of his home district respected and admired him, I think is the way the people of this Congress, the people of the State and the Nation respected and admired him.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to extend their remarks at this point in the Record on the life and character of our departed colleague.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. KILBURN. Mr. Speaker, MERLIN HULL was a good friend of mine. We served on the Banking and Currency Committee together for several years. While we did not always agree on issues and votes, I always admired his courage and enjoyed his company and association. He was a fine American and one of the nicest colleagues that I have ever known. His family can be as proud of his memory as we are. He was an honorable, able, quiet, and effective public servant. He will be greatly missed by his friends. My deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the passing of MERLIN HULL closes the living book on an era. He was part of the virile Wisconsin that changed the political thought of a nation. He stood at Armageddon with Teddy Roosevelt. No one more dynamic, no one more sincere than he in the great uprising of a people under the banners of the old Pro-

gressive Party. The Progressive Party of the early decades of the century which established itself as a tremendous political force now belongs only in history. One by one those who stood at Armageddon with Teddy Roosevelt have walked far over the western slope to meet the setting sun. If it be given to man when mortal limitations are lifted to meet again in recognition dear friends on earth, what a joyous reunion there is now of MERLIN HULL with Bob La Follette and Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson, and all the other stalwarts of that era, the living book of which was closed with the death of our dear colleague.

I came within the warmth of his glorious personality late in his career. I am the richer for having known him. To me it was one of the great honors of my life to have served in two Congresses on a committee of which MERLIN HULL was a member. To the end he lived true to the ideals of his youth. To his last day of public service he lived up to everything that he believed in and fought for in the earlier years of an outstanding career.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, although I was aware of the serious illness of our colleague and my friend, the Honorable MERLIN HULL, I was nevertheless shocked this morning to learn of his death.

Upon entering Congress, he was one of the first of the older Members with whom I became acquainted. This was because I quickly learned that he was a man of independence, integrity, and deep conviction. His mission in the House of Representatives was to support legislation which he deemed to be for the greatest good of the greatest number of people. He was an unrelenting foe of any proposal which he believed was not in the best interests of the people of this Nation.

The death of Mr. HULL removes a faithful servant of the district which he represented in Wisconsin and an outstanding servant of all the American people.

To members of his family, I tender sincere condolences in this hour of sorrow.

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Hon. MERLIN HULL brings grief to all of us and deprives the House of a useful and deeply respected Member. His long service was characterized by a conscientious approach to the issues confronting the Congress and an earnest desire to maintain the highest standards of statesmanship. He was a good man as we have long been accustomed to use that phrase. His influence will continue to live.

I recall vividly my last talk with him. We were walking to the Capitol together, and because of his illness his movements were slow. Knowing that I had an engagement, he thoughtfully said, "You go ahead." I thought of that expression when the news of his death reached me. "Going ahead" was something our friend did so well himself in the field of public service. His was a forward-looking philosophy that produced a sound and practical leadership. Now he goes ahead in the great experience that awaits us all. It suggests the familiar lines:

> To all eternity he binds us,
> He links the planet and the star;
> He goes ahead, the trail he finds us,
> And where he is and where we are
> Will never seem again so far.

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our distinguished Member from Wisconsin. It has been my privilege to know Mr. HULL since I became a Member of Congress in 1945. We were neighbors, having our offices in the same corridor during all of these years. Because of this, naturally, I had frequent contact with Mr. HULL, meeting him often in the hall and walking to and from the floor with him many, many times. This gave me an excellent opportunity to get well acquainted with him.

His was a most affable and lovable disposition. He was kind and considerate at all times and his outgoing personality was heartwarming and endearing to all who came in contact

with him. As a green freshman Member, I found him to be most helpful. He was truly a Chesterfield of the old school.

In addition to these admirable characterstics of personality and disposition, he possessed and exercised an independence of judgment which set him apart as a rugged individualist, as one whose penetrating insight and political acumen compelled him to seek out the truth and underlying fundamentals of any issue. Upon that basis, he formed his own sagacious opinion to which he held firmly and without compromise. Over the years, I noticed that he unfailingly voted for what he considered to be the best interests of those whom he represented, irrespective of party lines.

Not only the constituents of his district in Wisconsin, but also the citizens of his State and of the Nation have lost a public servant of integrity, wisdom and devotion to the public good. We, here in Congress, have lost a true friend and colleague. I wish to extend to his widow and to the other members of his family my heartfelt sympathy, with the fervent wish and prayer that they make take comfort in the thought of Mr. HULL'S outstanding contribution to the public service of his country and his many years of happiness with a devoted family and his host of admiring friends.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness we pause in our work today to do honor to the memory of a beloved colleague who has passed the Great Divide.

It was my privilege to know MERLIN HULL for over 25 years. I admired his rugged patriotism, his broad humanitarianism, his devotion to his work, and his desire to benefit the poor people of our country as well as those living in other lands.

As a fellow newspaperman, he liked to talk with me concerning the problems of the profession he had followed all his life. He loved the newspaper profession for the wide opportunities it opened for public service.

MERLIN HULL was a kindly man. He was a tolerant man. He never bore grudges nor strove to tear down any other individual. He practiced the rule of "Live and let live," and he went his own quiet way, serving the community and the country he loved.

We shall miss MERLIN HULL, but there is consolation in the fact that he lived a full and useful life. The State of Wisconsin has lost a fine Congressman; we have all lost a good friend. My sincere regrets are extended to his family in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened by the death of our colleague, the Honorable MERLIN HULL, of Wisconsin.

He was a gentleman in the true sense of the term.

His passing is of particular interest and regret to the people of my area, since he was a native Hoosier, having been born in Warsaw, Ind., a city in the Second Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing.

MERLIN HULL'S was a long and useful career during which he served the people of his home community, his adopted State, and the Nation not only in varied capacities as a public servant but as a newspaper publisher as well.

We who knew him as a friend and colleague down through the years learned to appreciate MERLIN HULL'S intellectual honesty and his extreme diligence as a Member of the Congress.

He went about his committee assignments with great seriousness of purpose and I have no doubt he adhered to the same high standard of service in day-to-day relations with his constituents. Certainly the many years he has served here attest to the esteem and confidence in which he has been held by the people of his district.

In the death of MERLIN HULL it can be said that America has lost a loyal and most faithful servant. Beyond that, my

own State of Indiana has lost a native son, and we here in the Congress have lost a good and kind friend.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved family and we express the hope that the burden of sadness is lightened in some measure by the knowledge that their beloved husband and father has served his country well.

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. Speaker, during the over 6 years I have been in the House of Representatives I have met many fine men but no finer character than that of Mr. HULL, of Wisconsin. He lived in the tradition of the elder La Follette, and he graced that tradition. He was gentle, yet firm, patient and wise, stubborn in conviction, yet reasonable in debate. The members of his committee praised him, and to us all he was a gracious and distinguished gentleman in the greatest American tradition because he coupled with it a fighting instinct for the moral and spiritual values epitomized in our pioneer stock. It will be a personal loss to miss MERLIN HULL's "How are you today, Javits?" on the floor of the House, a loss to our Nation in his integrity and statesmanship, and I know a great loss to the people of his district. To his family I am sure he was very dear, and to them my sincere condolences.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not surprised but I was greatly saddened to hear of the death of MERLIN HULL. All of us who knew him real well knew that he was approaching the end of his life on this earth. He declined during the last 6 months, very much physically, but not mentally.

Mr. HULL was a very friendly and likeable man. When I first came to Congress, I had the pleasure of meeting him, and had a special interest in knowing him because of the fact that he represented a district in my native State of Wisconsin.

He was a very active man in the politics of Wisconsin. As a young man, he was speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly. Later he was secretary of state of Wisconsin. From his

earliest manhood he adopted a progressive attitude toward the political questions of the day. He was trained in the school of Robert La Follette and continued to have the forward outlook to the end of his life which he had in his days as a young man. The La Follettes, both Robert La Follette and Robert La Follette, Jr., left a great impress, not only on the political life of the State of Wisconsin but also strongly affected the political life of the Nation: badly needed political reforms, such as a primary law, which took the control of our parties away from the political bosses, a good public utilities act, and other reforms.

On the national scene, the La Follette influence was felt in uprooting corruption, and helping give to the common citizen protection against predatory interests, who looked upon government as a vehicle for the development of their selfish ideas and interests.

Mr. HULL came to Congress as a Progressive. When the party was merged with the Republican Party in Wisconsin, he became a Republican, but his old Progressive ideas never deserted him. He had an independent, courageous mind, and in many ways, typified the true Representative, which is one who votes his convictions, rather than voting for measures as a political expedient. For over 20 years, he served the people of Wisconsin faithfully in the National Legislature.

MERLIN HULL was a kind and gentle individual. He was friendly and anxious to help new Members, as well as his older colleagues. He truly reflected the attitude of his people and did what he could to promote their welfare and to protect their interest.

Mr. HULL has a son in the city of Stockton, Calif., where I have resided for 35 years. MERLIN HULL was a good example for younger men in the House of Representatives to follow. He was the soul of honor and in every way typified the Christian spirit in his conduct with his colleagues.

We will miss him, but we will gather inspiration from Mr. HULL'S life, to courageously do our work as well as we are able to, irrespective of the political consequences which might follow our determination to do what is right as we see it. I extend to his wife and his son my deepest sympathy.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, the news of the passing of Hon. MERLIN HULL, of Wisconsin, last weekend came as a shock to me. I had had the idea that he had been making great and determined progress in his convalescence from his long illness.

There are few men in public life who have been held in such high esteem as MERLIN HULL. For many, many years he enjoyed the warm affection and devotion of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of the State of Wisconsin, which he so ably represented here for 11 terms.

It was my great privilege to know MERLIN HULL ever since I became a Member of Congress. We used to eat lunch together in the House Restaurant, always at Bob Baker's table, day after day, and month after month, over these last many years. I enjoyed a warm friendship with him and admired him for his sincerity of purpose and independent thought. He and I often discussed the problems affecting our respective constituencies and I always found him to be an outstanding and effective foe of any legislative proposals which he deemed not in the best interests of his Nation.

It is hardly necessary for me to review MERLIN HULL'S long and illustrious public career. His record speaks for itself. With his great wisdom and understanding he was a courageous advocate of progressive legislation. As a member of the House Banking and Currency Committee his service was characterized by a conscientious and intelligent approach to the many important issues of our time. He was a true statesman and his devotion to his work was an example and inspiration to all of us who served with him.

I shall miss this affable and lovable friend. I shall never forget his courtly manner and his simplicity of character. His years of distinguished service in this body have left an imprint which shall not be soon forgotten. The people of his district as well as the State of Wisconsin and the Nation have lost a great public servant.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. WOLCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I learned with deep regret of the passing of my good friend MERLIN HULL. He was a kind and gentle man, independent and courageous, voting his convictions rather than voting for measures as a political expedient. He served the people of Wisconsin over 20 years faithfully. He came to Congress as a Progressive, later became a Republican, but the Progressive ideas never deserted him. He was trained in the La Follette school and continued to have this outlook to the end of his life. He was the soul of honor and a good Christian. He will be greatly missed but we shall follow his example to do our work as well as we are able to, regardless of political consequences. I extend my sympathy to his wife and son in their bereavement.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. BYRNES].

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, all of Wisconsin is saddened by the death of the Honorable MERLIN HULL. We have lost one of our pioneers. We have lost a man who dedicated practically his entire lifetime to public service. Starting with the turn of the century, he served his people first as clerk of the circuit court in his county and then as the county district attorney, then as State legislator, following that as secretary of state. Finally, he served his people as a Member of the Congress. He served 11 terms in this House. During that period—in fact, during the entire period of his public service—he served his people conscientiously and faith-

fully. Mr. Speaker, we are all going to miss him deeply. To his wife and his family, I express my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Withrow].

Mr. WITHROW. Mr. Speaker, it was with a heavy heart that I had word of the death of my dear friend and colleague, MERLIN HULL. We have not the right to challenge the acts of the Almighty, nor the wisdom of that great power which removes from our midst a dear friend and a cherished comrade.

MERLIN HULL had a long period of service in public life. As speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly, as a member of the assembly itself, as secretary of state of Wisconsin, and as a Member of the United States House of Representatives for a long period of time. During the last several years of his service in this august body, he was not enjoying the best of health. I watched him many times during late years in sessions of the House, when it required considerable effort and physical endurance to stand square to his duty and vote at the proper times without fail. I always admired his excellent judgment and courage.

MERLIN HULL's voting and his approach to legislative matters indicated that he had been trained in the public service, and was acutely responsive to the needs of the people of his district on various legislation which affected them. He was a very able member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency and rendered to his district and the Nation excellent service on this important committee. He was a fine gentleman and a devoted and patriotic American.

In the course of his service here, I came to know him well and to appreciate his fine qualities of heart and mind.

With his passing the American farmers lost a true friend, for their welfare was always uppermost in his thoughts and actions.

MERLIN HULL was one of those rare individuals who was independent in his thoughts and actions. His decisions were based on two factors: Is it right? Is it for the best interests of our country?

MERLIN, as we fondly addressed him, was a Christian gentleman in every way.

To his bereaved family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Davis].

Mr. DAVIS of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to find one word that properly describes our friend and colleague, MERLIN HULL, who died on Sunday. But if that word can be found, it probably would be that MERLIN HULL was a gentleman. He was a gentleman of the old school, a man of integrity, of courage in his beliefs, and one with a courtly politeness. In nearly 50 years of public life, he was untouched by scandal and never once charged with a selfish, petty, or ulterior motive in the steadfast course of action which he followed.

MERLIN HULL was one of the last sturdy links between our Wisconsin of the present and our Wisconsin of the past. To many of us, the rise to prominence of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in 1900 is known only through history. But MERLIN HULL lived in those days, actively participated in the birth of the "Wisconsin idea" in government, and remained through the years to assist and advise those of another generation who passed his way.

Our State, and especially the people of his home section, had honored MERLIN HULL repeatedly with high office—district attorney, member of the State legislature, speaker of our State assembly, secretary of state, and Member of Congress. He narrowly missed the governorship, and frequently had been mentioned for the United States senatorship. But statesmanship was not his only forte; in early life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, since 1894 he had been a member of

the Wisconsin bar, and since 1904 he had been publisher of a newspaper in his home city of Black River Falls.

I know what a blow it was to Congressman HULL less than 6 months ago when death took his entire office staff. Two of them had been with him for many years; the third was the daughter of his newspaper manager. They had seemed like members of his family, and he grieved for them accordingly.

MERLIN HULL had a fierce pride. Through his life, he never met defeat in any battle until he faced failing health. He recently had been forced to use a wheelchair between his office and the Capitol. He disliked it bitterly, but he yielded to it, to maintain his record of attendance to congressional and committee sessions—a record of faithfulness that few younger men equal. But I recall that on the last time he came to my office, to attend a meeting of the Wisconsin delegation with a group of residents of western Wisconsin, he walked every step of the way and took pride in that accomplishment for the oldest man serving in Congress.

In the Ninth Congressional District, MERLIN HULL was above political lines. He had a following that searched for his name whether it appeared on the Republican or the La Follette Progressive ticket. It was a personal following, people who knew and respected him, who believed in his honesty, and sincerity, and who, in the sunset years of his life when he could no longer campaign actively, went to the polls and reelected him by ever-large majorities because he was MERLIN HULL.

To them, just as it is to those of us here in the Halls of Congress, his death is a personal loss. All of us appreciate that.

To his immediate family and to the people of the Ninth Congressional District of Wisconsin those of us who have served as his colleagues here in the House join in expressing a sense of personal loss in the passing of MERLIN HULL.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Van Pelt].

Mr. VAN PELT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues and the citizens of Wisconsin in extending my deep, heartfelt sympathy to the Hull family in their bereavement. While Congressman HULL's name was known by many in the State of Wisconsin because of his long career in public service, I did not come to know him personally until my election to the 82d Congress. Congressman HULL was known as the dean of our delegation and on many occasions it was my privilege to seek his counsel. Congressman HULL will be greatly missed not only by his host of friends in Wisconsin but also by his colleagues here in the Congress.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Laird].

Mr. LAIRD. Mr. Speaker, MERLIN HULL has passed from among us, and our sorrow is real. He was an innately friendly man; he was a man of genuine dignity. He had the utmost respect for the trust placed in him by the good people of the Ninth Congressional District of Wisconsin.

MERLIN HULL spent his boyhood in a farming community at Sechlerville in Jackson County, Wis. Here he attended school and worked as a farmhand and schoolteacher so that he might earn funds with which to continue his education. He also learned the printing trade. Representative HULL attended Gale College, at Galesville, and DePauw and Columbian Universities. He practiced law in Black River Falls, Wis., and in 1904 he bought the Jackson County Journal. In 1926 he consolidated this paper with the Badger State Banner, and, under the name Banner-Journal, Mr. HULL continued to publish this newspaper until the time of his death.

MERLIN HULL has had a distinguished record of public service. He has served as a district attorney, a member of the Wisconsin Assembly from 1905 to 1915, speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly in 1913, secretary of state for Wisconsin

from 1917 to 1921, and a Member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation for 20 years.

MERLIN HULL has made a real contribution, not only to our State in the various public offices which he has held but as a Member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation he has also made a real contribution to the welfare of our Nation. MERLIN HULL indeed led a rich, full American life. I shall long remember his kindness, understanding, and his help to me as I reported to Congress this year as a freshman Member.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. I yield.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I would like the privilege, Mr. Speaker, of joining with the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Laird] and the other Members who have expressed such splendid sentiments relative to Mr. HULL. He was a fine gentleman. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. I yield.

Mr. HORAN. I want to share also in the respects that are being paid to our colleague, Mr. MERLIN HULL. I think all of us try to be truly representative of the districts from which we come and join in this body as representatives of the people of the United States. Mr. HULL was truly representative of the basic principles on which we meet here. He lived for a while in my district, and it has often given me pleasure to sit down in the cloakroom and visit with MERLIN HULL. All of us have lost a true friend.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the death of our late colleague and friend, MERLIN HULL, takes from us one of

our most beloved as well as one of our most valuable Members. His death also takes from us one of our outstanding independent and progressive Members in both thought and action.

During our years of service there developed between MERLIN HULL and myself a close friendship, one that I greatly appreciated. I respected MERLIN HULL as strongly as I could respect anyone. I did so for a number of reasons: MERLIN HULL typified everything that was noble and uplifting in a human being; he was kind, considerate, understanding; he was possessed of a beautiful outlook on life; he symbolized nobility of character in his expressions and actions, and in the performance of his duties as well as in his associations with his fellow man. MERLIN HULL was a man of great ability which he utilized effectively during his years of service in the Congress of the United States. He was serious, devoted to his duties, reliable, and dependable.

His private and his public life was honorable and trustworthy. MERLIN HULL was a legislator of courage, evidenced on so many occasions, particularly years ago when it took courage to vote for progressive legislation beneficial to the best interests of our people.

MERLIN HULL led a productive life. He has made marked contributions toward the progress of our country. As a result of years of service in this body he has left his imprint on the legislative history of our country.

He symbolized a type of public service that is an inspiration for others to follow.

To Mrs. Hull and to her son and daughter, I extend my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Brown].

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I join with other Members in paying respect to this distinguished Congressman. MERLIN HULL was one of the outstanding members of

the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives. I had the pleasure of serving with him for the past several years and I found him to be one of the most conscientious men I have ever known. He always did what he thought was right.

In the passing of Congressman HULL, the farmers of America have lost one of their most useful champions.

He will be greatly missed by his family, by the Members of this body, by the constituents whom he served so faithfully throughout the years, and by all who knew him.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Wier].

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join with my colleagues from Wisconsin to express in a personal way that Wisconsin and the people of Minnesota likewise have suffered a tremendous loss in the death of Congressman HULL. His district was not too far from the district which I happen to represent, just across the St. Croix River.

I first became acquainted with Mr. HULL during the days when I was serving in the Minnesota State Legislature. I came to respect him, and I also found in him a champion of the interests and for service to the great mass of little people in this Nation. I feel as all working people will feel that the labor movement of this country, organized and unorganized, has lost a true champion of their cause and of their interest.

To me Congressman HULL was an ideal American, a great American. He devoted his entire life to the cause of the little people—the workers, farmers, and those who have passed beyond their employable age and had moved into their days of retirement. He championed their cause at all times and in all places.

I join with the Members of the House from the State of Wisconsin, and I am sure the State of Minnesota joins with all of us here, in regretting this loss that has occurred within the past 24 hours.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Short].

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker, when Mrs. Short drove me to the Capitol this morning I observed the flags over the Capitol, the Senate and House Office Buildings flying at half-mast. I remarked to her, "Another Member of Congress has left us." She asked me, "Who do you think it could be?" I said, "With all of the uncertainties of life hanging over us and having seen strong men fall just in their heyday, it could be any one of the 531 Members. But I rather think it is MERLIN HULL."

His death came as no surprise to me, and I dare say to any of you. Because of his advanced years and infirmities, and particularly because of the serious operation he underwent recently, we could reasonably expect the end at any moment. However much we might anticipate death, we are never quite prepared for the shock that it brings. There are few men in public life who have experienced a longer tenure of office, who have had a wider knowledge of Federal, State, and local Governments, who had a more varied career in statescraft than MERLIN HULL.

Mr. Speaker, I observed only a moment ago the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Cooper] in the Chamber. He, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Patman], the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Hess], MERLIN HULL, and I came to Congress at the same time following the 1928 election before the passage of the lame-duck amendment. We entered this Chamber in 1929. MERLIN HULL and I were out for a short time, but we returned to the 74th Congress and have served continuously since, the same length of time in this body. I should say that at least half of the time, though he was nominally called a Republican, we disagreed, because MERLIN HULL was one of the most independent men that I have ever known, and however much you might disagree with him at times and on various issues, he was a man of rugged honesty, of unimpeachable integrity, of unsullied honor, and he had a capacity for

friendship that bound his friends to him with hoops of steel. No Republican and no Democrat could defeat him. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all. Many, many times have I visited with him and discussed not only affairs of state, but the humble, plain, and simple things of life that, after all, perhaps, are the greatest things in life. I shall always remember him because of his quietude, sweet serenity, and the deep dignity that surrounded him, because of his willingness to listen to every side of an argument and because, after his adversary presented his case, he was big enough to say, "Well, I do not agree with a lot that he said, but he did an excellent job." It is that spirit of forbearance, of tolerance, of patience, and understanding that endears Members of this body to one another.

Mr. Speaker, I shall miss MERLIN HULL. I shall remember him because of his modesty, because of his simplicity, his earnestness, and his sincerity, and if you younger Members of the House could have known him 15 or 20 years ago when he was in his heyday, you would have realized that he possessed a keen and alert mind, quick on the trigger, with a powerful and resonant voice: a very able and most effective speaker. In the declining years of his life he could not participate in public debate on this floor, but we all know that he remained true and steadfast to his convictions to the bitter end. It would take him about three times as long as one of us to come from his office in the Old House Office Building over to this Chamber to answer a rollcall but he got here, and he was such a proud man he insisted on navigating under his own steam with the help of his cane. It was but a comparatively few times that he allowed himself to be brought over in a wheelchair.

Mr. HULL was a warrior, an old warhorse. He loved his country and because of his honesty, humility, integrity, and simplicity will forever be remembered by the Members of this body.

Not so much do I extend my sympathy to his bereaved family, because after all, MERLIN HULL lived to a ripe old age, a rich and full life, and we would be selfish to want to keep such as he, even though we love them, in their infirmities and pain with us always. So I extend not so much my sympathy as I thank God at this moment for having known and having been associated with MERLIN HULL. I hope and pray that the world may have more of his kind, because if it does it will be a better place in which to live.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. August H. Andresen].

Mr. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our good friend MERLIN HULL. We served adjoining districts, he on one side of the Mississippi River in Wisconsin and I on the other. I served in this body with him during his entire period of service. He was my friend. I respected his judgment and his convictions.

One thing I can say for MERLIN HULL, he served his constituency with integrity and honor. Whenever he gave his word to me, I considered his word to be as good as his bond.

He was a great American, a man who has served his country well. We will miss him here and he will be missed in Wisconsin. I join my colleagues in paying this tribute to him, and also in sadness express my sorrow to his family.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Frances P. Bolton].

Mrs. FRANCES P. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, it was not my good fortune to know MERLIN HULL well, but I had the privilege of knowing the radiations of his spirit. He was proof to me that older people who have lived well, who have done their best, who have held true to their principles and the deep principles of living here on earth, have a very real role to play.

Yes, it took him three times as long as it took most of us to come over here, but he was always here. If you stopped along the way and walked with him, as I had the joy of doing a number of times just recently, you felt the sweetness of the man, you felt the tenderness of his whole being. He came because it was his duty, and his duty was his life, it was his joy, it was his contribution to the evolution of man here. It was also his contribution to the building of an America which would not only reflect the right and the left, the conservative, the reactionary, and the radical, but reflect the thinking and feeling of men who had the courage to reach out beyond their own beginnings into the newer life they saw being built.

It has been a great privilege to serve in the Congress with MERLIN HULL. I would say even as my colleague from Missouri [Mr. Short] has so well said, that I convey my deep sympathy to his family for the separation that has come, but I join with them in what must be gratitude to the Almighty that such a man has lived, and now has gone just across the threshold of another room to continue his faithful services to his God.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest].

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, on an occasion like this all of us are well aware that words are woefully weak and inadequate to express the feelings that may be in our hearts. I think the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Smith], in quoting a hymn, gave a line that is the key to the whole mind, life, and spirit of MERLIN HULL. That was the line from the great hymn that reads, "Forgive our feverish ways." I suppose, Mr. Speaker, that I had lunch with MERLIN HULL perhaps more times than I have had lunch with any other Member of this House. That came about, I think, largely because of the practice that was his, and a practice that has been mine for some time, to get to the dining room and eat lunch before

time for the House to convene at noon. And so many, many times during the past 4 years we have sat together in the dining room prior to the convening of the House, and have had our lunch together. That association leads me again to comment on the line that the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Smith] quoted: "Forgive our feverish ways." That was a primary trait and quality of character, I think, in MERLIN HULL. So many times in these hectic years I have had that blessed privilege of talking with him, when I have been inclined to be tense and greatly disturbed over some pending issue before the Congress. On such occasions a quiet conversation with MERLIN HULL, and I somehow was able to sense the serenity of his soul and the mellow maturity of his mind and invariably the result was a slackening of my own tensions. I shall remember him always and cherish that memory.

The gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Bolton] in a very moving and beautiful tribute mentioned the fact that often she had walked with him. That happened to be my lot so many times because we both came to lunch at the same time. Walking much faster than he I frequently overtook him in the subway. I always had the feeling that I would gain something if I slowed down and accommodated my step with that of MERLIN HULL, even after he had to depend somewhat on a walking cane for support. My life has been greatly enriched by the fact that I have had that association with him.

I shall think always of that serenity of his soul, that mellow maturity and understanding of a very great mind, in my opinion a mind that grasped to a very marked degree the fundamental problems which confront our Nation and confront a very tense and feverish world.

I join, of course, with all others in expressing my deepest and sincerest sympathy to all members of his family. As I think back over those walks through the subway with MERLIN HULL, I can do no better than to use some words from

Longfellow in closing these very brief and inadequate but sincere remarks about our late colleague:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;
Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. I now yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Busbey].

Mr. BUSBEY. Mr. Speaker, it is at a time such as this that I wish I had the vocabulary and the eloquence to express what is in my heart and my mind. I considered MERLIN HULL one of my very dear and intimate friends in this House of Representatives. I wish to concur in every loving tribute that has been paid Mr. HULL by my colleagues who have preceded me.

You would not have to know MERLIN HULL as intimately as I knew him to respect and love him. All you would have to do would be to look at his long years of service, not only to the people of Wisconsin, but the entire United States. His record speaks for itself. Show me another man in the Congress who had won the confidence and the faith that his constituents had in him as evidenced by the way they worshipped and idolized him and stood by him. That was a tribute of which any Member of Congress could justly be proud. MERLIN HULL had many, many qualities that I admired, but I think if I had to choose only 1 or 2, I would say it was the ideals and the high principles that he not only subscribed to, but for which he fought so steadfastly. I

admire anyone who will fight for the principles and ideals in which he believes, even though they may not concur with my own.

This is the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and as a Representative, MERLIN HULL truly represented the people of Wisconsin and the United States. He was a gentleman through and through, a man of noble character, a fine and upright Christian.

We will all miss MERLIN HULL. I will particularly miss not only those little walks in the subway between the Capitol and the Old House Office Building that were referred to by Members that preceded me, but the many, many chats outside the doors of his office and my office. Our offices were across the hall from each other.

With all sincerity and sympathy, I wish him God's divine blessing and the everlasting and eternal peace he so richly deserves.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Zablocki].

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, in the death of the late Honorable MERLIN HULL, the dean of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, our country and our State have suffered a deep loss.

I know that it is not necessary for me to review, before the Members of this body, the long and distinguished public career of our late colleague. From a farm hand, and a printer, he rose to become one of the outstanding leaders in his community, a speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, the secretary of state, and, finally, the dean of our State delegation in Congress.

Through his many years of public service, Congressman HULL earned the respect and deep affection of those with whom he came in contact. Until illness overtook him, he was known in these Halls as one of the most diligent Representatives, one who combined refreshing vigor with the wis-

dom and understanding drawn from his long experience as a public servant.

In his death, the people of his district, and the people of the State of Wisconsin, have lost a faithful, able, and vigorous champion. Their loss is shared by the many Members of this House, who have benefited on many an occasion from his sage advice, and from his penetrating analysis of the vital problems which have faced our Nation. I have often benefited from his counsel.

It is with deep sadness that I join the Members of this body in paying tribute to the memory of this great and humble man, and in extending my sincere sympathy to his widow and his family in their bereavement.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Durham].

Mr. DURHAM. Mr. Speaker, today we feel deeply the loss of a useful Member of this body.

We form friendships here on the floor of the House and in and around our offices. MERLIN HULL was one of the most sincere men I have known here in the past 15 years.

He came to see me about a matter that concerned him in my early days here as a Member of this body. From that day on I have appreciated his friendly way and manner that he approached each problem. We will miss him, and personally I have lost a valued friend.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 238).

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard, with profound sorrow, of the death of Hon. MERLIN HULL, a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee Messrs. Smith of Wisconsin, O'Konski, Byrnes of Wisconsin, Davis of Wisconsin, Withrow, Wier, Zablocki, Kersten of Wisconsin, Van Pelt, O'Hara of Illinois, and Laird.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.) the House, pursuant to its previous order, adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19, 1953, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, *May 19, 1953.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Ast, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 110):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. MERLIN HULL, late a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Memorial Tribute
to
Merlin Hull

Memorial Tribute

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Wisconsin

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I am including an editorial from the Eau Claire (Wis.) Leader of May 20 regarding the death of our late colleague, the Honorable MERLIN HULL:

DISTRICT SADDENED BY DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN

Regardless of party politics, men and women throughout the ninth district of Wisconsin were saddened by the death of Congressman MERLIN HULL, of Black River Falls. Everyone must feel admiration for this veteran politician, lawyer, and newspaper publisher who devoted most of his life to public service and was still carrying on courageously up to the time he died quietly in his sleep after a critical illness.

There are many things one might say about a man who was serving his 21st year in the House of Representatives but there are some things one must say about Mr. HULL—friend or foe. He was honest and sincere and his integrity in all these years was never questioned.

He guarded his own political position so well that he steadfastly refused to ever join with fellow Congressmen in a joint statement on important legislation or policy. He had his own ideas and expressed them.

Mr. HULL was truly an independent in politics and an independent thinker. He did not cut loose from a party and set himself up as a lone wolf, as others have done, but in his politics he was probably more independent than they.

His voting record on major legislation—which is almost perfect on House rollcalls—shows that he voted with the Republicans (the party to which he belonged) and with the Democrats just about 50–50. As a Progressive it was pretty much the same.

One of the last of the Wisconsin Progressive old guard he was still an isolationist at heart like the older Bob La Follette, in whose

footsteps he followed. So he opposed things like the Marshall plan and heavy spending in foreign countries. In domestic affairs his sympathies were largely with the New Deal and the Fair Deal.

He derived his political strength from the labor unions, whose cause he usually championed, and from the farmers, for whom he worked diligently. He was heart and soul with the dairy bloc in Congress and strove with all his might to make butter supreme over oleomargarine.

Perhaps more important was the fact that he tried to be a personal friend to everyone in his district. Any letter from a constituent was the most important order of business for his day and every correspondent felt that his Congressman had done the best he could for his cause. And it was sincere effort.

MERLIN HULL was the kind of Congressman of which any district could be justly proud. He made it a point to be recorded on every issue. He was absolutely honest and it is doubtful if he ever even accepted a campaign contribution—especially for many years. Shocked and numbed by the sudden death of his loyal and trusted secretary, William E. Sanderson, last October followed by the death in an automobile accident of Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Patricia Schofield, other members of his official staff, Mr. HULL began his 11th term as Congressman under what proved to be an insurmountable handicap.

He might have retired with an annual pension of more than $5,000 a year. He was apparently financially well off otherwise. But he loved being a Congressman—he was even recorded on questions before the House in his last illness by being paired with opposition absent Members—and we are happy that a kind providence permitted him to die a Congressman.

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MONDAY, *May 18, 1953.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The resolution was read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
May 18, 1953.

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Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 110) was read, and considered by unanimous consent, as follows:

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Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Senate to join the committee appointed

on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, all the members of the Wisconsin delegation have heard with deep sadness the news of the passing of one of our colleagues, the Honorable MERLIN HULL.

The resolution now before the Senate conveys the sympathy of the Senate on the passing of our dear friend.

I have known MERLIN for many years. He was a personal neighbor of mine, representing the Ninth District, including my own home county of Chippewa.

MERLIN had a long and distinguished career in the public service, beginning away back in 1909 in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

He was speaker of the assembly in 1913, and secretary of state for the Badger State from 1917 to 1921.

He was elected to the 71st Congress and has served continuously ever since in the House of Representatives.

MERLIN HULL was to the last a deeply conscientious servant of the people of his district and of his State. He was a fair-minded, friendly man, and yet a man of strong convictions. He expressed himself frankly, whether it was on domestic or foreign affairs.

He was a member of the Wisconsin Progressive Party and then of the Republican Party, but he was a man whose friendships were not limited to any one party.

He was a friend of Wisconsin's farmers, but there was no group in his district or in his State to which he would not give a fair hearing, and whose cause, if he felt it right, he would not espouse.

As we say, hail and farewell to this fine Badger. We know that he has but gone ahead in the great journey which all of us must eventually take.

I ask unanimous consent that the biographical summary which appeared in the New York Times of May 18, 1953, be printed in the Record at this point as a part of my remarks.

There being no objection, the summary was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

MERLIN HULL DEAD; REPRESENTATIVE, 82—WISCONSIN REPUBLICAN, OLDEST MEMBER OF CONGRESS, WAS SERVING 11TH TERM

LA CROSSE, WIS., May 17.—Represenative MERLIN HULL, oldest Member of Congress, died in Lutheran Hospital here today, at the age of 82, of bronchial pneumonia complicated by conditions of advanced age. He had undergone an operation on April 15.

Mr. HULL represented Wisconsin's Ninth District as a Republican. His home was in Black River Falls, where he had published a weekly newspaper since 1904.

A LA FOLLETTE PROGRESSIVE

Mr. HULL rose to political prominence as a member of the La Follette Progressive Party during its revolt in Wisconsin, and rugged independence remained one of his traits. When wearing the Republican label, he often broke away to vote with Democrats on domestic issues; on the other hand, on foreign policy he frequently voted with the isolationist Republican wing.

Born in Warsaw, Ind., December 18, 1870, Mr. HULL attended Gale College, Galesville, Wis., and received a law degree from De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., in 1890. Besides law and farming interests at home in Black River Falls, he became publisher of the Jackson County Journal in 1904. Since 1926 he also had operated the Banner-Journal.

He entered politics in 1907 as district attorney of Jackson County. From 1909 to 1915 he served in the Wisconsin Assembly, being speaker in 1913, and from 1917 to 1921 he was secretary of state, following the leadership of United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, Sr.

First elected to the House of Representatives as a Republican in 1928, Mr. HULL was defeated for renomination on the dry versus wet issue—he had favored national prohibition.

RETURNED TO HOUSE IN 1934

In 1934, the La Follette Republicans adopted the name of the Progressive Party, and under that banner elected a Governor, Senator, and seven Representatives, including Mr. HULL. Mr. HULL was reelected as a Progressive until the party returned to the Republican fold in 1946 and then kept winning reelection as a Republican. He was reelected last year by 38,000 votes.

Seeking neutrality in World War II, Mr. HULL voted for a mandatory arms embargo before the European war broke out, opposed the Selective Service Act of 1940 and its extension in August 1941,

and voted against the Lend-Lease Act. Nevertheless, he voted in 1940 for a loan to Finland, and sought vainly to allow that nation, then under Soviet attack, to buy arms here.

In 1944, he voted for American participation in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. But on December 18, 1945, he was 1 of only 15 Representatives to vote against a bill for American representation at the United Nations.

OPPOSED FOREIGN-AID BILLS

He fought against the $3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain in 1946, demanding that "our veterans and old folks should be adequately taken care of" first. He went on to vote against Greek-Turkish aid, in 1947; the European recovery program, in 1948, and the foreign-aid bills that followed.

Domestically, he battled on behalf of dairy farmers, and for price supports and import controls; supported anti-poll-tax legislation; opposed measures to restrict labor unions; espoused public housing. He voted against the peacetime draft law in 1948.

A member of the Banking and Currency Committee, Mr. HULL broke from Republican ranks to oppose tax cuts in 1945 and 1947. With President Eisenhower leading a Republican return to power, Mr. HULL still kept voting his own way. On April 1 he was 1 of 18 Republicans in the House to vote unsuccessfully against a bill to give States title to offshore oil lands.

Mr. HULL married Miss Jessie Matchette Robbins in 1896. They had three children, Perry Miller Hull, Lois Margaret Hull, and Mrs. Marion Bernice Lamb. A sister, Miss Effie Hull, also survives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution offered by the Senator from Wisconsin.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Under the second resolving clause the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Wiley and Mr. McCarthy as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 7 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19, 1953, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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